

REMARKS

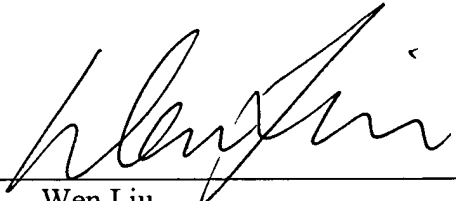
Applicant withdraws the Request for Continued Examination, filed on September 27, 2001. The Supplemental Amendment dated March 10, 2003 is the substantive response to be entered.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

Respectfully submitted,

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